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M/EB 245/64
8 May 1964
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Ballistic Missiles and Space Division, OSI

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ATTENTION:

THROUGH: Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, CGS

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT: Search for Possible Space Tracking Facilities or Missile
Range Instrumentation Sites in East Siberia (WAC 198)

REFERENCES: (a) Requirement C-SI-4-81,291
(b) CIA/PID Project C 675-64
(c) Memorandum M/EB 425/64

1. This memorandum is in response to your requirement dated 13 April 1964 which requests:

(a) a search of the area within 50 nautical miles of the following locations for possible space tracking facilities or missile range instrumentation sites:

Magdagachi 53-27N 125-48E
Takhtamygda 54-06N 123-35E
Zeya 53-45N 127-17E
Tyndinskiy 55-10N 124-43E

(b) identification of the five installations reported in M/EB 425/63.

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2. Ninety-five percent of the requested search area was covered by good-excellent quality, cloud-free photography

No recent coverage was available on the area to the north and northeast of Tyndinskiy; that is, coverage was limited to an approximate 25 nautical mile radius north and northeast of Tyndinskiy. No space tracking or missile range facilities were noted within the entire search area.

3. In regard to the four installations at Never reported in M/EB 425/63, the westernmost installation (Area B, see Reference C) has been identified as a radio station consisting of two large towers, a control building, and several other small support buildings. These towers could undoubtedly be seen from the

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Trans-Siberian Railroad but the buildings would, in all probability, be obscured by the board fencing which surrounds the station. The easternmost elongated scarred area (Area D, see Reference C) which contained a building

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building was not there and new ground scars gave an agricultural appearance to the area. No indications of an electronic association were

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apparent. The other two rectangular areas (Area C, Reference C) appeared unchanged. Both appeared to be secured by fences or walls but the northernmost area contains no buildings or structures. The other area contains three small buildings and possibly a fourth one. Other than the apparent security on these two installations, there were no indicators of an electronic association for either area. It is believed that none of the latter three installations could be seen from the railroad.

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The fifth installation (Area A, see Reference C) located 52 nautical miles northwest of Zeya at 54-17N 126-41E appeared unchanged when compared with coverage. The small scale of the photography precludes positive identification of this installation, but the cleared area appeared to contain two or three small revetted or mounded buildings---possibly conventional explosive storage.

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3. The photo analyst on this project may be contacted should you have any further questions concerning this project.

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4. This project is considered to be complete.

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